

Learning from the Field/Medication Information During Disasters

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Hurricane Katrina / Rita

- Struck the US on August 29, 2005
- "most catastrophic natural disaster in our nation's history"
- Rita struck over 3 weeks later on September 24, 2005



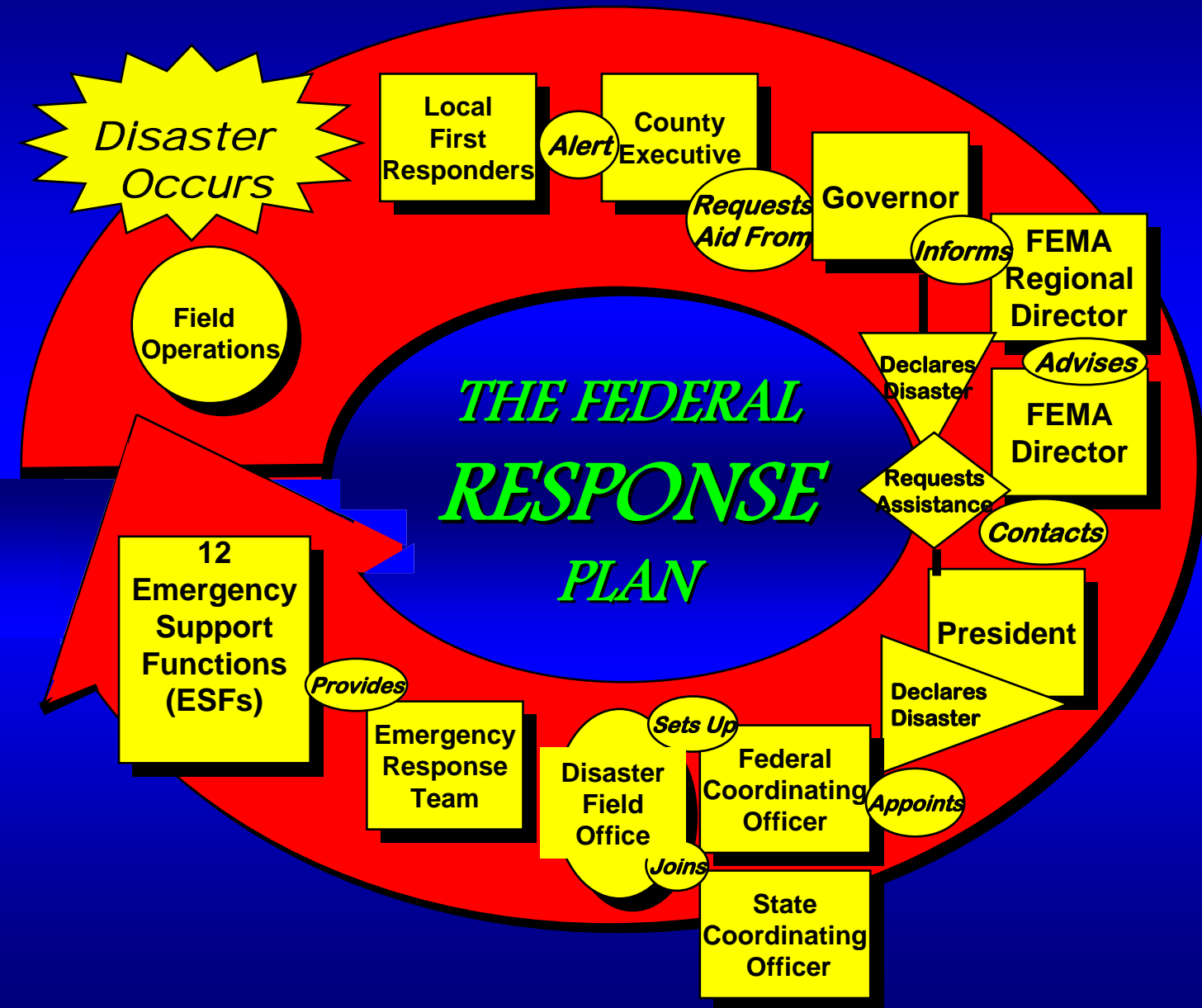
“Disasters cannot be precisely predicted, only prepared for”

- Hurricane Season
- Wildfire Season
- Tornado Season
- Flood Season
- Tsunami Season
- Flu Season
- Medicare/Medicaid Season

Natural Disasters vs. Terrorism



- Post 9/11 focus
- More destruction, cost, deaths in past 10 years in Natural Disasters than in all Terrorist events to date.
- Can't stop mother nature

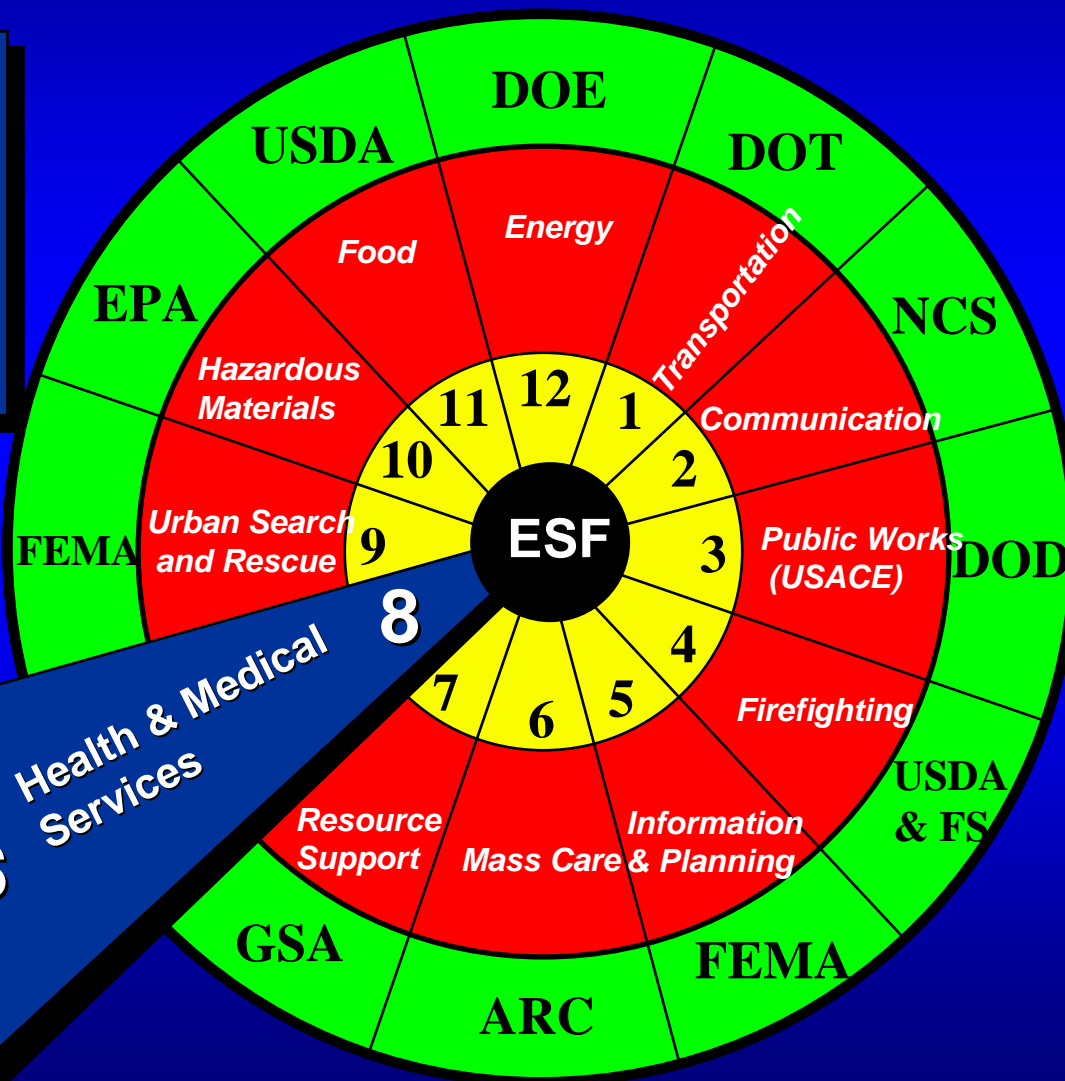




Federal Response Plan Emergency Support Functions

USDA
DOJ
DVA
DOD
GSA
DOE

AID
ARC
EPA
DOT
NDMS
NCS



Pharmacy Response during Katrina/Rita

Multiple Agencies doing multiple things

- NDMS
- DOD
- VA
- PHS
- CDC - SNS
- State of Louisiana
- Civilian

Civilian Pharmacy Response

- Pharmacists trying to do a lot with very little;
 - Information
 - Medication
 - Reimbursement
 - Security
 - Civil Resources
 - Support from Federal/State/Local Agencies

Civilian Pharmacy Response

- ALL Pharmacists, Govt. and Civilian needed;
 - Reliable Patient information and Medication History
 - Reliable Medication Resources
 - Reliable and Fair Reimbursement

Civilian Pharmacy Response

- What did they get?
 - Katrina Health
 - Multiple events of direct donations, various wholesaler deliveries, Mobile Pharmacy Dispensing Sites
 - Reimbursement from FEMA through the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

Have there been any improvements?

- Maybe?
 - ICE RX
 - Rx Response
 - Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP)



- In Case of Emergency Prescription Database
 - Born from Katrina Health
 - Managed by Informed Decisions, LLC
 - Provides dispensing information from major PBM's, Participating State Medicaid programs
 - Available to "credentialed" Physicians and Pharmacists



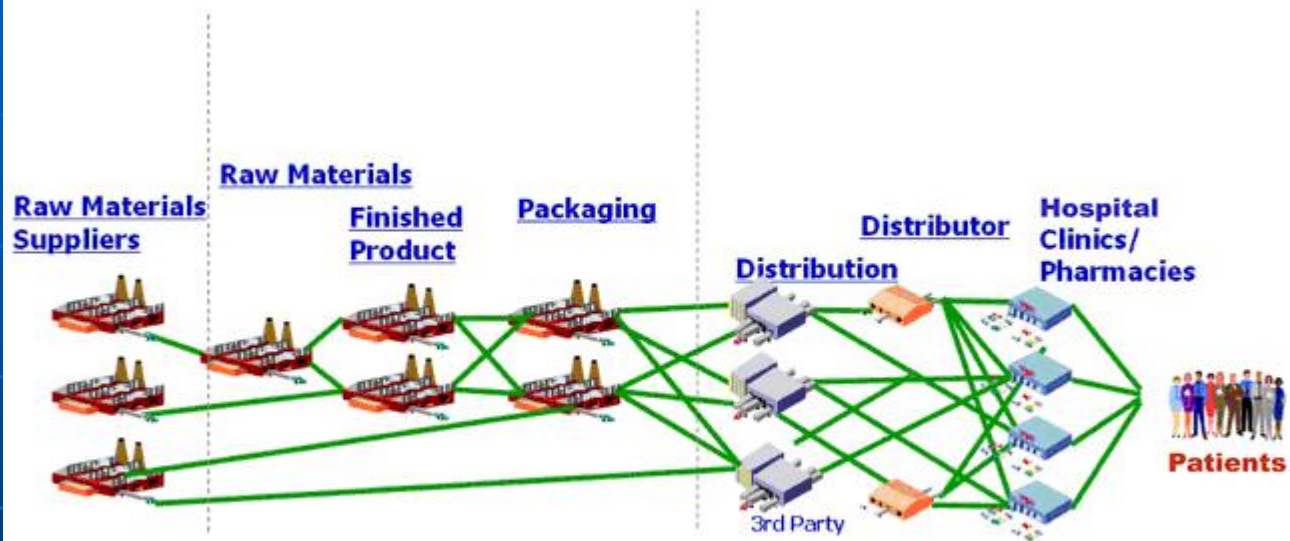
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Pharmaceutical Supply Chain



Emergency Prescription Assistance Program

■ EPAP

- Established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- S. Lawrence Kocot, Sr. Advisor to the Administrator, CMS
- FEMA initiated, and will designate those who are eligible, by region, area, zip code.
- Processed through Argus Health Systems.

Emergency Prescription Assistance Program

- Community Pharmacy will be major providers
- Collaboration with NCPDP, SureScripts, RX Hub
- Could relieve DMAT's from providing maintenance medications, and acting like "Community Pharmacies".

NDMS

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Is that enough??

- Let's discuss.....